

WILL TAKE FIRST APPEAL IN STATE SUPREME COURT

Socialists Will Carry Case to Highest Tribunal if Necessary, Says Block.

The five expelled Socialist Assemblymen will appeal immediately to the State Supreme Court, and if necessary will carry their case to the United States Supreme Court, S. John Block, their associate counsel, said yesterday. Mr. Block said that the exact procedure had not been determined, but stated that the constitutionality of the Assembly's action would be attacked. He said that a conference of the five ousted Assemblymen, their counsel and leading members of the Socialist Party would be held soon, probably today.

The action of the Assembly was approved by the American Defense Society, which sent the following telegram to Speaker Sweet after a meeting of its Executive Committee:

"We are deeply gratified to note the action of the Assembly in expelling the Socialists, consequent upon the majority report of the Judiciary Committee branding the Socialists as perpetual traitors and suggesting that their so-called party be outlawed.

"Our campaign against Bolshevism has convinced us that disloyal, dangerous doctrines can only be crushed by the action of men like yourself who are not afraid to enforce proper measures for the good of the Nation and its people."

Samuel Orr, one of the expelled Assemblymen, who represented the Fourth District of the Bronx, issued a statement yesterday, stating that the Assembly's action was unprecedented. "It is needless to say that this will not abolish Socialism," he said. "An idea can never be abolished. The Czar and the Kaiser tried to do it and failed miserably in the attempt.

"No plans have yet been formulated to take this matter before the court of public opinion. The Committee of Eight of the Socialist Party and the Committee of Seventeen, representing labor, social and civic bodies will meet soon to take suitable action.

"This ouster, with all its lawlessness and brutality, has demonstrated more clearly than anything else that the Socialists have a message of truth and justice which the predatory interests are trying to keep away from the people. Truth crushed to earth is bound to rise."

A CALAMITY, SAYS HUGHES.

Regards Expulsion Serious Blow at True Americanism.

When asked for his opinion of the expulsion of the Socialist Assemblymen Charles Evans Hughes said yesterday:

"I do not care to speak of the action of the Assembly in a casual or flippant manner. I regard it as a serious blow at the standards of true Americanism and nothing short of a calamity. Those who make their patriotism a vehicle for intolerance are very dangerous friends of our institutions. I expressed my views upon this question at the outset and I have seen no reason to change them."

VETERANS CONDEMN ACTION.

Minnesota Body Says Socialists' Expulsion Opposes Democracy.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 1.—Resolutions condemning the action of the New York State Assembly for expulsion of the five Socialist members today were adopted here by the first State and Northwestern District Convention of the World War Veterans. The convention voted to send a telegram to the Assembly declaring the expulsion an "act opposed to democracy."

Another resolution adopted branded universal military training as "Prussianism," and stated that such legislation would have a tendency to encourage war. The resolution protested against any form of universal military training or conscription except in time of war. National bonuses for former service men and women were approved.